

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 13-23 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12 stand rejected. Claims 3 and 11 stand objected to. Claims 1 and 10 were cancelled. Claims 2-6, 9, and 11-12 were amended. Claims 24-25 were added. Claims 2-9 and 11-25 remain in the application.

Claims 3 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3 and 11 have been so rewritten.

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DD '209. Claims 5, 8, 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DD '209. Claims 1 and 10 were cancelled. Claims 2-9 and 12 were amended and are allowable as depending from Claims 3 and 11, respectively.

Added Claim 24 states:

24. A web winding method comprising the steps of:
pinching a web at a primary nip between a builder roller and a winding core, said primary nip defining a continuing portion of said web on an infeed side of said primary nip and a leading portion of said web on an outfeed side of said primary nip;
during said pinching, forming a secondary nip between said winding core and a cinch roller;
during said pinching, traveling said secondary nip in an incomplete orbit around said winding core from a position adjacent said outfeed side of said primary nip to a position adjacent said infeed side of said primary nip, said traveling of said secondary nip rolling said leading portion around said winding core;
during said traveling, allowing said cinch roller to pivot about a gimbal; and
winding said continuing portion in a plurality of turns over said leading portion, following said traveling.

Claim 24 is supported by the application as filed, notably, original Claim 19 and at page 11, lines 1-8 and page 17, line 29 to page 18, line 9. Claim 24 requires

pivoting the cinch roller about a gimbal to maintain the secondary nip parallel to the web. This is not disclosed by the cited reference.

Claim 25 is supported by the application as filed, notably, the original claims. Claim 25 is allowable as depending from Claim 24.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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